

OTTAWA

QUEEN VICTORIA selected Ottawa as Canada's capital primarily for its strategic situation. Yet she could not have chosen a more beautiful location, for this is the meeting place of the Ottawa, Rideau and Gatineau rivers with the Gatineau Hills providing a green background to the north.

The Parliament Buildings are among the world's finest Gothic structures. Views from atop the 300-foot Peace Tower are long remembered. In the Tower are a Memorial Chamber—tribute to Canadian World War I dead—and a carillon on which concerts are played Thursday and Sunday evenings in summer.

Reminders of government functions are the Royal Mint and the Prime Minister's Residence on Sussex Street and the foreign embassies, many in the area bounded by the Rideau River and Canal and Laurier Avenue.

The landscaped Driveway offers access to many attractions. At the eastern section are Rockcliffe Park and Rideau Hall, residence of Canada's governor general. Near the section along the Rideau Canal is the Victoria Memorial Museum, housing the National Art Gallery and National Museum, which is open daily. The Driveway winds around Lansdowne Park, site of the Central Canada Exhibition in August, and leads to the Central Experimental Farm. Here, also, is the Dominion Observatory, open to the public Saturday evenings.

Looking toward the future, railway tracks will be relocated, parkways added and harmonious government buildings constructed as part of a National Capital Plan.

